

Lines written on a cambric work-bag, & presented me by a Friend.

Farewell kind Friends, so long to me most dear;  
The parting stroke seems hard, it seems severe:  
It is not thus, tis fraught with joy serene,  
And opens to my view a bright new scene.

Depart loved Friend, — when in a distant clime,  
Serve thy Redeemer in a work sublime;  
Teach the benighted heathen of our race,  
That man's salvation, is of sovereign grace;

And Oh, my Rachel, may the bliss be thine  
To see them bow before a God divine:  
To see them haste their idols to destruction  
And pay their homage to the Lord alone.

Will thy trials be sweet — favoured thy lot,  
A scant thy fortune, or though mean thy cot,  
Farewells though severe, from thy home removed —  
I have a boon so precious, must be loved.

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My dear Mrs. Weeks, Your brother has kindly invited me to write a little in  
addition to the copy of those lines you requested, & which with pleasure I than-  
to you — though I do not feel hardly right to avail myself of the pleasure, as  
it must shorten probably the last communication made you in this highly favoured  
land by an affectionate brother whom we both love, & to whom permit me to say,  
I <sup>do</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>to</sup> be enabled to supply in some respects, the place of a sister. can  
work is indeed an arduous one — & which I feel requires all that strength  
which may be derived from the influences of the Holy Spirit, from Christian  
confidence, & the most entire unanimity of feeling & pursuit. It is a sat-  
isfaction to me that I have seen you & your dear companion, I think of you  
more as brother & sister, than strangers with whom I have had but little ac-  
quaintance — likewise your Father's Family are all remembered with interest & af-  
fection. Now let me ask you ever to remember in your prayers, your Friends,  
Rachel S. Barstow

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My dear Mother  
I have been in two weeks  
& singing - am little better  
again my friends

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